

CP COMMUNICATIONS—CREATION OF A NEW SOCIETY PROGRAM?

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The full impact of the CITES regulations are now being felt by commercial CP nurseries and hobbyist alike. Unless the regulations are modified, we will have to learn to live with minimal overseas transfers of some plant material and learn to propagate affected plants within our respective countries.

To accomplish this, communications between individual CPN'ers will be far more important than it has been in the past. This report will present a concept for the society members to consider as one way to improve member to member communications.

Have you ever needed some advice about growing a certain species or genus but did not know who to turn to for advice? Did you write to one of the CPN co-editors or to a specialty CP nursery who you have purchased plants from? Were you disappointed in that the response did not come soon enough for your needs? I know from my experience that this must be the case for many of you, for I have not always been that responsive in my letter writing.

But if you knew the name, address and possibly the phone number of someone who was willing to help, would you hesitate to write or call them instead? What I am proposing to the CPN membership is the creation of a new service to members, a Communication and Information Distribution Service (CIDS) or Information Transfer Service (ITS). CIDS/ITS would be a means for you to obtain information directly and quickly from someone who lives in your geographical area. An area representative would be selected from volunteer candidates and this individual would maintain a list of CPN members interested in being part of the network. A species interest profile would be maintained on each member and used for consultation purposes. One other point, the area representative would not necessarily have to provide and answer questions, but would make referrals to someone who could be of assistance if the questions extended beyond their knowledge or experiences.

In addition to handling correspondence within his area, the area representative would submit a quarterly report to the CPN co-editors highlighting local questions, small talk and generally what is happening in the region with CP and the hobby. The short paragraph reports would be published in CPN collectively in each issue.

Specifically, the purpose and intend of the program would be to:

Improve communication between members


Allow members to learn of each others existence in the same region

Reduce the amount of correspondence your co-editors are asked to respond to each year

Foster the creation of local CP gatherings and bog-hops (field trips)

Expand the CPN "News & Views" section to include the events from the worldwide membership on a consistent basis.

This list could continue, but I am sure you get the idea. The number of area or regional representatives needs to be considered. Initially, a minimum of one rep each for Australia, Canada, Europe and Japan would be required. Language related and membership concentration factors could easily alter the number of representatives. The U.S. could position a representative in the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest/Central, and Pacific regions to start the program.

I am using this open forum approach to initiate some creative thinking from CPN's highly intelligent membership. I present a very basic start of something different for you to ponder over and improve on. A new name other than what I have presented would be a most welcome beginning. If you have some ideas (pro or con) on such a service, please write to me and let me know your thoughts. I will collect, summarize and forward our combined ideas to the co-editors for their consideration as a new service from the Society. 

LITERATURE REVIEW

Crouch, I.J. and J. Van Staden. In vitro propagation of *Drosera natalensis*. S. Afr J. Bot. 54(1): 94-96 1988

When a modified Murashige and Skoog medium supplemented with various hormones was used, clones of this *Drosera* species budding from the explant tissue could be subcultured on defined media and then hardened off.

Debbert, P. Two new *Drosera* spp. from Cape Province, South Africa. Mitt. Bot. Staatssamml. Muench. 23(0): 431-436 1987

Two new species, *Drosera admirabilis* and *venusta* are proposed and described.

McNally, S.F., A. Stewart and U.E. Wilson. The stimulation of acid phosphatase activity in the stalked gland of *Drosera rotundifolia*. Ann. Bot. (Lond.) 61(3): 289-292 1988

In comparing stimulated and unstimulated tissue, some acid phosphatase activity was localized in vacuoles, cell wall regions and cuticular pores of only a few cells. When stimulation occurred longer than 24 h, additional activity was noted in most gland cells which suggested that there was a new synthesis of acid phosphatases during this time period.

Ng, P.K.L. and R.P. Lim. The taxonomy and biology of the nepenthophilous freshwater sesarmine crab, *Geosesarma malayanum* Ng and Lim, 1986: *Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura, Grapsidae* from Peninsular Malaysia. Malay. Nat. J. 41(2/3): 393-402 1987

This crab lives in the fluid of the cups of the pitcher plant *Nepenthes ampullaria* and the authors describe its habits compared with other phytotelmic crabs from South America.

Turnbull, J.R. & A.T. Middleton. A new species of *Nepenthes* from Sabah, Malaysia. Bot. J. Linn. Soc. 96(4): 351-358. 1988

A *Nepenthes macrovulgaris*, a low mountain meadow species from Mt. Silam is described and illustrated.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

REBECCA HAUSER, 12½ Hill St., Apt. B, San Francisco, CA 94110.

I've attempted to order carnivorous plant seed over the past few years, and thought you might be interested in the following updates for your 1988 source list:

CARNIVOROUS GARDENS OF BRISBANE, QLD 4110, Australia has gone out of business, I think in May or March of this year.

EXOTICANA SEEDS of Greytown, South Africa has not responded to several requests for listings in the last two years.

MARSTON EXOTICS has been incorporated into Lawnsdown Nurseries Limited, Veldifer Lane, Kings Acre, Hereford, England, HR4 7AA. Some of the more seldom found plants and books are no longer offered.

RENATE PARSLEY, I am happy to say, is still in business, offering a small listing of interesting *Drosera* seed, but at the following new address: 1 Woodlands Road, Somerset West, 7130, South Africa.

I hope you find the above information useful. Some of these small businesses can be hard to keep track of!

(Editor's Comment)

To insure that the results of this program concept can be included in the March-1989 issue of CPN, please send all comments directly to Bob Hanrahan, 2130 Meadowind Lane, Marietta, Georgia 30062 U.S.A. before January 21, 1989.